



Procedures & Guidelines

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Partnership Council will seek consensus decisions on its recommendations to bicycle and pedestrian partners, including FDOT. General consensus is a participatory process whereby, on matters of substance, the members strive for agreements which all of the members can accept, support, live with or agree not to oppose. The Council will develop its recommendations using consensus building techniques, such as the use of brainstorming, acceptability ratings and prioritizing approaches. In instances where, after vigorously exploring possible ways to enhance the members' support for the final decision on a package of recommendations, the committee finds 100 percent acceptance or support is not achievable, final decisions will require at least an 80 percent favorable vote of all members present and voting. This super-majority decision rule underscores the importance of actively developing consensus throughout the process on substantive issues with the participation of all members to arrive at final recommendations with which all members can agree.

The Council Chair will work with FDOT staff and consultants to design both efficient and effective agendas. The Council Chair will be responsible, in consultation with the Council members and staff, for proposing meeting agenda topics. The Council meetings will be led by the Chair. FDOT staff and consultants will help the Council with information and meeting logistics.

Council members will be given full opportunity to rank, discuss and develop consensus on all recommendations. Draft recommendations developed by the Council will ultimately be compiled into an Annual Report for the Council's review and approval.